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SUBJ: MINIC ILL, DOLANC ACTIVE

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY MILOS MINIC FELL ILL MAR 8 WITH AN ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION "ACCOMPANIED BY A MINOR HEART AILMENT," ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY. REPORT SAYS THAT HIS ILLNESS IS BASICALLY CURED BUT HE HAS BEEN ADVISED TO RECUPERATE FOR A CERTAIN TIME. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINIC'S ILLNESS CAME ON MAR 20. IN THE INTERIM, HE WAS OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW BUT NO EXPLANATION WAS OFFERED.

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL VILUS TOLD CHARGE' MAR 23 THAT MINIC WAS RECUPERATING IN BUDVA, THAT HIS CONDITION WAS NOT SERIOUS AND THAT HE WOULD BE BACK TO WORK IN ABOUT 10 DAYS. VILUS ALSO SAID THAT UNDER SECRETARY MOJSOV WOULD LEAD YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO APRIL NON- ALIGNED MEETING IN NEW DELHI IN MINIC'S STEAD.

3. LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC HAS INCREASED HIS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PERHAPS
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REFLECTING A VACUUM CREATED BY MINIC'S ILLNESS AND KARDELJ'S SITUATION. AFTER TITO, DOLANC IS NOW YUGOSLAVIA'S MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ACTOR. HE TRAVELED TO ROMANIA FOR TWO DAYS OF WIDE-RANGING TALKS, EVEN THOUGH PRESIDENCY MEMBER STEFAN DORONJSKI HAD VISITED THERE SHORTLY BEFORE. IN APRIL DOLANC WILL BE GOING TO GREAT BRITAIN AT THE INVITATION OF THE LABOR PARTY.

4. COMMENT: DOLANC VISIT TO BRITAIN WILL BE USEFUL
PRECEDENT IN ARRANGING A TRIP FOR HIM TO THE UNITED STATES.
IT IS ALSO A REMINDER THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S TIES WITH THE
WEST ARE NOT ONLY WITH THE UNITED STATES AND INDEED THE
WESTERN EUROPEANS MAY BE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN WE
TO INFLUENCE THE YUGOSLAVS. YORK

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